

“On Woman’s Right to Suffrage” by Susan B. Anthony

Selection Test A

Critical Reading *Identify the letter of the choice that best answers the question.*

- ___ 1. To whom did Susan B. Anthony make her speech “On Woman’s Right to Suffrage”?
- A. local people
 - B. a parole board
 - C. an oligarchy
 - D. Webster, Worcester, and Bouvier
- ___ 2. What does the word *suffrage* in the title of Susan B. Anthony’s speech mean?
- A. employment laws
 - B. voting
 - C. free speech
 - D. civil rights
- ___ 3. What does Susan B. Anthony insist on in the opening of “On Woman’s Right to Suffrage”?
- A. She says the election results are wrong.
 - B. She says the Constitution needs changes.
 - C. She says she has the right to free speech.
 - D. She says her voting is not a crime.
- ___ 4. In quoting from the Preamble to the Constitution, what is Anthony using to support her argument in “On Woman’s Right to Suffrage”?
- A. a fact
 - B. an opinion
 - C. a generalization
 - D. an overgeneralization
- ___ 5. According to Anthony in “On Woman’s Right to Suffrage,” what does a ballot to vote ensure?
- A. an election
 - B. a say in who governs the people
 - C. a polling place
 - D. the right to a fair trial

- ___ 6. In “On a Woman’s Right to Suffrage,” Anthony points out that the Union was formed by
- A. politicians
 - B. males
 - C. all people
 - D. a few rebels
- ___ 7. In “On Woman’s Right to Suffrage,” what does Anthony call the United States government?
- A. an oligarchy of sex
 - B. a democracy
 - C. a monarchy based on England’s government
 - D. a playground for the privileged
- ___ 8. According to Anthony in “On Woman’s Right to Suffrage,” how do dictionaries define *citizen*?
- A. voter
 - B. lawmaker
 - C. person
 - D. man
- ___ 9. In “On Woman’s Right to Suffrage,” to what other group does Anthony compare the plight of women?
- A. African Americans
 - B. children
 - C. the elderly
 - D. families
- ___ 10. What reasoning does the author of “On Woman’s Right to Suffrage” use to persuade her audience that discrimination against women is illegal?
- A. Discrimination was ruled illegal in court.
 - B. Women work as hard as men, so they deserve the same rights.
 - C. Women had a part in writing the Constitution.
 - D. Women are persons, so they have full rights as citizens.
- ___ 11. What is Anthony’s main point in “On Woman’s Right to Suffrage”?
- A. She supports the founders of the Union.
 - B. Women have a legal right to vote.
 - C. She wants to run for office.
 - D. Women should earn as much as men.

Vocabulary and Grammar

- ___ 12. Which word is closest in meaning to *posterity*?
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| A. ancestors | C. relatives |
| B. descendants | D. grandparents |
- ___ 13. In which sentence is a conjunction used correctly?
- A. Bob but Joel are on the debate team.
- B. Do I want my potato mashed nor baked?
- C. It was raining, for we went inside.
- D. Natalie and her teammates cheered the winning goal.
- ___ 14. Which choice is closest in meaning to *dissension*?
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| A. compromise | C. difference of opinion |
| B. disgust | D. decision |

Essay

15. Write a short essay in which you name the crime Susan B. Anthony was accused of committing. How did she defend herself? Include at least two reasons the author uses to support her claims.
16. Imagine that you are in the audience listening to Susan B. Anthony's speech, more than one hundred years ago. Write a short essay in which you explain whether you find her speech convincing. Include at least one of the author's arguments as an example.